Purpose of the liaison group is to implement on a practical basis the programs decided upon by both governments for the general betterment of its populations. Underlying current in the programs is the expansion of the French language in this state.

Martin outlined the tremendous benefits that will accrue to Louisiana in tourist dollars once the use of the French language becomes an established fact in the state. These dollars will in large part replace some of the revenue lost with the depletion of the state's oil reserves, he said.

Domengeaux stressed the importance of second languages as "a bridge of communication with the rest of this ever-shrinking world." He said the new Louisiana story is one of leadership in the essentially human task of understanding between peoples.

High on the 15-item agenda agreed upon by the Baton Rouge meeting for the Quebec meeting are the summer student programs for elementary, high school, and college and university students. Of equal importance is the availability of French teachers for elementary, kindergarten and nursery schools.